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Germantown, MD 20874-1290

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The Honorable Phillip Muller
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960

Dear Minister Muller:

The enclosure to this letter updates the status of the Department of Energy's (DOE) disclosure of documents held by it or its predecessor agency, the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC), related to nuclear weapons testing in the Marshall Islands. Completion of the actions outlined in the enclosure will conclude the Department's work to identify and make available the subject information.

To date, DOE has released over 1,000,000 pages of Marshall Islands-related documents. The Department has provided these documents to the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Government in hardcopy, on CD-ROM, and the documents are available to the general public on the Office of International Health Programs website (www.eh.doe.gov/ihp/).

I will keep you informed of our progress as we complete our ongoing efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "P. Seligman".

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Enclosure

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STATUS OF REMAINING MARSHALL ISLANDS-RELATED DOCUMENT RETRIEVAL AND DECLASSIFICATION TASKS

Complete

1. Completion Reports for Operations Crossroads, Ivy, Castle, Redwing and Hardtack 1 (CIC, Las Vegas)

Status/Action: **Complete.** These reports were provided to the RMI (box 63) in July 1998. They are available on the Internet at www.eh.doe.gov/ihp.

2. AEC documents at NARA - Atlanta - (Medical Central Files 4NN-326-8505)

Status/Action: **Complete.** These documents are available in an open archive for public viewing.

Research Complete/Awaiting Declassification

1. Original transcripts of Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) meetings 1954-1957 (College Park, National Archives Collection NN3-326-93-005)

Status/Action: **Research Complete/Awaiting Declassification.** DOE has completed researching these transcripts. Classified documents found at the National Archives Record Administration (NARA) College Park have been submitted to DOE's Office of Declassification at NARA. When declassification is complete, the documents will be released.

2. LANL Project Y, J Division central files and Director's Office files (Collections A-84-019, A91-048, and B-9)

Status/Action: **Research Complete/Awaiting Declassification.** A number of classified documents have been identified at LANL. The documents are undergoing declassification review by the DOE/LANL Office of Declassification. When declassification is complete, the documents will be released.

3. Lewis Strauss working files (Collection 1103)

Status/Action: **Research Complete/Awaiting Declassification.** DOE has completed researching these files. Unclassified documents are in the process of being released. Classified documents have been submitted to DOE's Office of

Declassification. When declassification is complete, the remaining documents will be released.

4. The 1974 - 1975 Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) Secretary's Files, Collection 9

Status/Action: **Research Complete/Awaiting Declassification.** DOE has completed researching these files. Unclassified documents are in the process of being released. Classified documents have been submitted to DOE's Office of Declassification. When declassification is complete, the remaining documents will be released.

5. The 1961-1975 AEC Minutes, Collection 10

Status/Action: **Research Complete/Awaiting Declassification.** DOE has completed researching these files. Unclassified documents are in the process of being released. Classified documents have been submitted to DOE's Office of Declassification. When declassification is complete, the remaining documents will be released.

6. BER Radiation Exposure Collection 326-78-3

Status/Action: **Research Complete/Awaiting Declassification.** DOE has completed researching these files. Unclassified documents are in the process of being released. Classified documents have been submitted to DOE's Office of Declassification. When declassification is complete, the remaining documents will be released.

7. AEC Secretarial 1958-1966 files (Collection 20)

Status/Action: **Research Complete/Most Documents Provided/Some Awaiting Declassification.** These reports were provided to the RMI (box 61) in July 1998. Almost all are available on the Internet at www.eh.doe.gov/ihp. Some classified documents have been submitted to DOE's Office of Declassification. When declassification is complete, the remaining documents will be released.

Research Ongoing

1. Lewis Strauss Collection (Collection 1349)

Status/Action: **Research Ongoing.** Record collection search to be completed by fall 1999.

2. Gordon Dunning files (Collection 1339) regarding potential effects of nuclear testing on Downwinders

Status/Action: **Research Ongoing.** Record collection search to be completed by fall 1999.

3. Conrad-Ogle Materials (Collection 1387)

Status/Action: **Research Ongoing.** Record collection search to be completed by fall 1999.

4. Joint Committee on Atomic Energy (JCAE) hearings (Collection 1172)

Status/Action: **Research Ongoing.** Record collection search to be completed by fall 1999.

5. The Classified Sections of the Tommy McCraw Collection 1320

Status/Action: **Research Ongoing.** Record collection search to be completed by fall 1999.